

AT THE 'VILLE.

Death of Mrs. B. F. Lincoln.
The community was saddened yesterday by the news of the death of Mrs. B. F. Lincoln who had been ill but a short time with the grip. A more extensive sketch of the life of this most estimable lady will appear next week. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Clara Smith and daughter Amy of Bethlehem, N. H., have been visiting at H. L. Parker's. Mrs. Josephine Carr, Mrs. Parker's sister, is now with her.

Mrs. Flora Goss is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Helen Ayers.

Madame Wilmet is recovering from her recent severe attack of pneumonia.

The Universalist church Sunday school has a sociable and supper with a Christmas tree for the children Thursday evening. The Methodists had a tree and exercises the same evening, while the Congregationalists had their tree Friday evening.

Mrs. Lilla Dow played the organ at the Universalist church Sunday in place of Miss Joselyn, who had gone to her home to spend Christmas.

Remember the next lecture in the course which comes Thursday evening, by Rev. Ora S. Gray.

A unique entertainment is to be given in Music Hall, January 6, entitled "Samantha Allen at the Court of Fame." It is conducted by Miss Harris, who had charge of the "Living Whist," and is said to be even better than that. It is under the auspices of the Universalist Ladies' Aid, and deserves a full house.

William Loomis and Erton Shorey are recent victims of the grip.

The village school had a two days' recess on account of Christmas.

The wedding of Miss Beryl Ayer to Daniel J. Gregory takes place today.

Fred Herring, who has been visiting in this vicinity, has returned to his home in Drummond, Montana.

Wesley Emerson spent the holidays at home from his studies in Boston.

A branch of the Tabard Inn library has been put in Dr. Dwinell's store. This is the popular circulating library of today, and Dr. Dwinell or his clerks will be glad to tell you all about it and how to join.

The second annual ball of the Knights of Pythias takes place on the evening of January 1. Music by Mrs. Brock's orchestra from St. Johnsbury. Supper in the Knights' hall.

The regular meeting and installation of officers in the Eastern Star Chapter was held Tuesday evening. A supper was served to the members at 6 o'clock.

WEST DANVILLE.

The recent big thaws have raised the water in many springs so there are not quite so many going to Joe's Pond for water as there was. The Pond has also raised about eight inches which is very encouraging.

A very interesting program was given at the Christmas tree Thursday evening, and the tree was well loaded with presents both useful and ornamental and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

We are having some old-fashioned winter weather lately as mercury has registered for a week or more past at zero and several mornings as low as 25° below zero.

A. J. Goss' store shed shut down Thursday until Jan. 11, when the usual gang will be put to work again.

Mrs. Jane Goss died Friday morning very suddenly, although she had been in feeble health for two years or more with heart failure and dropsy. She was the widow of Albert Goss of Peacham, whom she survived about 15 years. She was a faithful wife and mother and her life was filled with good deeds both in her family and in the community in which she lived and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She died at the home of her son, Ashley J., in West Danville, where she had made it her home for about three years. The funeral was held Sunday at the Methodist church, of which she had been a faithful member for many years. Rev. Jos. Hamilton officiating. The remains were taken to the family lot in Peacham cemetery for burial. She leaves four children, Mrs. May F. Woods, Ashley J., Frank A., and Bertha J., who were all present at the funeral, and who have the heart felt sympathy of the entire community.

GREENSBORO.

Miss E. J. Lindsay visited in Crafts-bury over Sunday.

There was a well filled Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening, and all who attended the exercises felt well repaid.

Clayton Magoon is home from Manchester, N. H., for a few days.

James Palmer returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Boston.

The mercury has ranged from zero at noon to 30° below mornings and a keen wind on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Byron Wright of St. Johnsbury visited his sister, Mrs. E. K. Hill, Christmas.

Albert Comstock and wife of Montpelier spent part of last week at P. A. Goodrich's to help care for Mr. Lathrop, who is failing slowly.

The Misses Lillian and Gertrude Thornton are home from school at Montreal for a few days and spent a portion of their vacation with their brother Roland at C. A. Goodrich's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Jackson visited in Walden, Friday.

N. A. Ross and L. A. Jackson were in Albany, Saturday, on business.

SUTTON.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Flora Ball gave a Christmas party at her boarding place for the pupils of her school and their parents. The rooms were decorated with evergreen, and silver stars, also a tree loaded with presents for all. The teacher received many presents from her pupils and friends. Exercises were given by the children, who acquitted themselves admirably. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was spent.

Supt. E. E. Orcutt was in town last Tuesday visiting schools.

EAST CABOT.

Ed. Brown of William-town is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Martha White of South Ryegate is caring for her mother, Mrs. Hugh Dunn, who is ill with pneumonia.

G. F. Preston of Danville was in town recently.

Alvin Dunn was in Harvey Saturday. Will Dunn was at home over Sunday.

LYNDON.

Enterprise Grange held their annual meeting for the election of officers Dec. 19 and the newly elected officers are:
Master, W. L. Park.
Overseer, E. L. Hopkins.
Lecturer, Mrs. Emma Trefren.
Steward, Clyde Spencer.
Asst. Steward, Fred Ainsworth.
Chaplain, Mrs. Emma Jones.
Secretary, Carl Jones.
Treas., E. B. Hopkins.
Gatekeeper, Frank Trefren.
Pomona, Miss Edith Mooney.
Flora, Miss Hortense Mooney.
Ceres, Miss Ida Hannett.
Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Helen Pope.

Church Notes.

The Congregational Sunday school gave a Christmas concert at the church Christmas eve, but the rain and exceedingly icy roads and walks caused the audience to be rather small. The music was from a service entitled "The New Born Hope," and the service closed with some very pretty tableaux and a Christmas anthem. The choruses were sung by the children assisted by the choir. Roy R. Gage sang a fine solo and Beatrice and Hortense Campion sang a very pleasing duet. Songs, exercises and recitations were all well given and the entire program was very enjoyable. The front of the church was prettily decorated over and around a fire place, on which, during the exercises, some stockings were hung, and a Christmas tree gave up its fruit to add to the happiness of the children.

The Sunday school board of the Methodist church elected last Sunday the following officers for the coming year: Supt., S. M. Farnum; sec. and treas., Mrs. Helen L. Thompson; librarian, Wells Quimby; organist, Miss Eva Wetherby, after which they adjourned one week to allow the superintendent to consult the scholars before nominating teachers. During the session of the Sunday school the names of 22 scholars were called and they were requested to step forward to receive the prize which was offered by Mr. Farnum on the first Sunday in January for constant attendance at Sunday school during the year. It was found that seven scholars had been absent but once, seven others only twice, and four but three times, but these absences were all excused as they occurred in consequence of the presence of contagious diseases in the family, so that they were quarantined, or some equally good reason. The prize as originally offered was to have been a gold dollar made into a pin but owing to the impossibility of obtaining gold dollars a gold pin in the shape of a star engraved with the letters M. E. S. was substituted with the fulfollowment of the scholars and to this was added a piece of money to make up the full value of the gold dollar. With great kindness and liberality Mr. Farnum also included four others who had been absent five times each but present at Sunday school somewhere all but two of those days. After school remarks by several of the teachers and others letters were read from Rev. J. O. Sherburn and H. N. Turner of St. Johnsbury and the prizes were awarded to the following scholars: Gifford Phillips, Branch Bradley, Jennie Aldrich, Mary Brown, Ora Grant, Edith Bradley, Florence Farnum, Grace Kidder, Rose Chayer, Eunice Aldrich, Alice Kidder, Ida Thayer Lizzie Aldrich, Ruth Paris, Harlan Farnum, Eva Chayer, Florence Houghton, Mildred Houghton, Willie Aldrich, Charles Chayer, Clarence Brown, Bell Chayer.

The Methodist Sunday school observed Christmas by presenting in a very pleasing manner a service entitled "The Story that Never Grows Old." The church was filled to its utmost capacity, many standing through the entire service. The decorations were of evergreen and an arch stood upon the platform covered with evergreen and gilt stars and bore in gilt letters the words "Glory to God on High." Behind this was a large fire place surmounted by a brick chimney. The choruses were sung in a spirited manner by nearly 50 children and young people who had been carefully drilled by N. L. Parker, Miss Eva Wetherby and Miss Hattie Gour. There were duets and a motion song by several little girls. The program was varied by exercises and recitations exceedingly well rendered and closing by an exercise by children representing the months of the year each bearing some emblem of its distinguishing characteristic. As December closes his remarks a rose of holly was heard and Santa Claus scrambled out of the fire-place to the great delight of all the children. The large and well filled Christmas tree which stood near was soon robbed of its fruit and then about 100 bricks were taken off the chimney and given to the members of the Sunday school, who found them filled with candy and peanuts. The officers and teachers each received presents from the classes and all were made happy in giving and receiving.

Harvey Kime of Littleton visited his sister, Mrs. L. K. Saett, Christmas day; Mr. and Mrs. Heman French spent Christmas with their son at St. Johnsbury; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Farnum are entertaining Miss Ida Bailey of the Sutton, Mass., Normal school, Ruben Goodwin of Dartmouth College and Charles Bailey of Peacham, through the holidays; Mrs. Clara Bailey of Peacham was also at Mr. Farnum's Friday and Saturday; Mrs. Cornelia Trull is visiting at S. S. Mattocks' through the Christmas holidays; Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and children, also Tracy Phillips of Lyndonville were at Capt. J. S. Thompson's Christmas day.

Miss Rose Brown has finished her school at Sutton and is at home. Some of the young people from this place went up to attend some exercises of her school in connection with a Christmas tree, Wednesday evening.

Melvin Berry has moved from the tenement at Scott Farnum's residence to the old Goodrich house on Chapel street.

Anly Robinson and Miss Rosa Beck were married at David Young's last week Tuesday, Rev. Mr. McLaughlin officiating. They are to live on a farm in Kirby.

Sunday morning the thermometers recorded 22° below zero and several days the temperature has been below zero all day. The slight thaw of Thursday raised the streams for a short time only.

The schools in this village have had an intermission from Thursday till Tuesday morning and the teachers went to their various homes to enjoy Christmas.

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PEACHAM.

The Christmas gathering at Academy Hall Thursday evening was well attended and the cantata, "The Crowning of Christmas," by the children of the Congregational Sunday school, was well rendered. The children sang the praises of different holidays of the year in order, but finally decided that Christmas was best, and John Varann, their Santa Claus, was crowned by Verna Jennison. Then their Christmas tree with its many gifts furnished entertainment for the remainder of the evening.

The Methodist Sunday school had a tree with appropriate exercises, Friday evening.

The oyster supper which was appointed for January 1st has been postponed for a few weeks.

The school at the academy closed Thursday noon for one week, and Prof. Burrage went the last of the week to Weston, Mass., to spend the vacation with his mother.

Prof. and Mrs. Nelson Whitehill from White River Junction are spending their vacation at Lafayette Strobbridge's.

Miss Eliza A. Adams from Framingham, Mass., Miss Sara A. Bailey from Cambridge, Mass., Miss Elsie Hooker from Mt. Holyoke College, Miss Susie Blanchard from Haverhill, N. H., are spending their vacation in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter from Montreal have been spending the week at Mr. Lawrence's home at East Peacham.

The Methodist roll call and annual dinner will be held at the Methodist vestry January 1st.

Natt Trussell and his brother Will, from East Peacham, are working at East Barnet. The former came home Thursday and Jack Hunt came from Newark, N. J., Monday night.

Charles A. Clark, who is in business at South Ryegate spent Christmas at the home of his uncle, L. Strobbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Edwards from East Peacham entertained their family friends Christmas.

Thursday evening Miss Janie Blanchard entertained about 15 of her friends.

Mrs. Moses Wesson and daughter from Danville are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sargent at East Peacham.

Charles Bailey and Miss Ida Bailey are spending his vacation and part of hers at Lyndonville.

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BARNET.

Some of the friends of the late B. F. Stevens of Lyndon, England, have received copies of his life, a book just published in London. A copy also was sent to the town library as Mr. Stevens was formerly a Barnet man.

Miss Lillian Robie is teaching school at North Moore, N. H.

On Friday afternoon there was a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse with appropriate exercises by the children, under the auspices of the teachers, Miss Duncan and Miss Gibson.

Sherburn Moore and wife, Harry Moore and family and Ira Aube and wife and daughter spent Christmas at St. Johnsbury at the home of Fred E. Potts.

Miss Robina Laughlin was at St. Johnsbury for Christmas with her brother, William Perry.

Mrs. Kay and two children from Wing Road, N. H., Henry Cowles and baby from Lyndonville, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent from Woodsville, comprised a Christmas party at the home of Chandler Whiting, with a tree to the evening.

A Christmas dinner was served at the home of Dr. H. J. Hazelton and there was a tree in the evening for the children. The guests at dinner were Dr. Robert Hazelton, wife and two daughters from Lebanon, N. H.; Mrs. Bertie Hazelton Gilman from Beebe Plain; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and daughter from Melrose; Mrs. Laura Moore, Miss Caroline Scott and J. S. T. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. French from St. Johnsbury were at the home of W. S. Brock, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ranney from St. Johnsbury were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy, Christmas day.

Rev. J. K. Kilbourn and family spent Christmas at Bradford with his brother, Rev. Henry Kilbourn.

Miss Margaret Willey from Portland, Me., came home for Christmas to attend the wedding of her friend, Miss Martha Duncan, of Monroe, N. H.

R. H. Laughlin and family were at the Laughlin home for Christmas.

Mrs. Martin and daughter from Plainfield and Arthur Emery and wife from Boston spent Christmas with Mrs. Jane Martin.

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HARVEY.

John McGill visited at Robert Steele's in East Peacham last week.

W. T. Dunn was at J. L. Frye's Friday.

Allen Bartlett has two teams drawing lumber from the Coles place to West Danville.

James Craig has moved his family to L. A. Paquin's and is to work there this winter.

Will Woodward and wife visited at C. C. Peck's in Peacham this week.

John McGill is at home from West Newton, Mass., for a short visit; also Miss Mary is home from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frye were in East Cabot Monday, to visit their mother, Mrs. Hugh Dunn, who is very ill with pneumonia.

L. A. Paquin and son are making arrangements to do an extensive job in lumbering this winter and are soon to erect a steam mill. They have purchased one lot of Charles Williams besides having a lot on their farm. They have several choppers who begin work this week.

There was a very pleasant wedding at Mr. Elia Hatch's the evening of Dec. 25, when her daughter, Miss Flossie A. Hatch, and George C. Greer were united by the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, a few friends being present. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

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NORTH DANVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Varnum and son Guy of Burlington spent Christmas with relatives about here.

B. G. Varnum has been on the sick list for a few days.

F. D. Hubbard of Hardwick spent Sunday at his father's, D. W. Hubbard.

Mrs. C. E. Green is ill.

Miss Sadie Blake spent Christmas at her home in Sutton.

Miss Sadie Smith is home from Lyndonville for the holiday vacation.

Miss Gladys Smith, who has been ill for several months, is now gaining quite rapidly.

L. Marie and daughter, Miss Henrietta, spent Christmas at O. H. Stevens' from St. Johnsbury.

LOWER WATERFORD.

Mrs. Celia Bailey is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Clara Goss spent Christmas with her parents at Lyndonville.

Charles Phillips spent Christmas with

his mother, Mrs. Thompson, at Bethlehem, N. H.

The young people are rehearsing a drama to be given in the near future.

Christmas visitors in town were: Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Morrison, Will Morrison, Anna Carter, of St. Johnsbury; Willis Bradshaw of Lyndon; Mrs. Carter and sons of Lyman, N. H.; M. L. Green and Mrs. C. S. Thomas of St. Johnsbury; Mrs. Inez Clark, Bradford; Mrs. Horace Cutting and son, Concord.

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Samuel Richardson from Harvard came home last week to stay through the holidays.

Mrs. Moulton from Worcester is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Gillilan.

There was a large family gathering at L. E. Gillilan's Christmas to eat dinner with them. The guests from out of town were Carlos Gillilan from West Burke; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bingham from West Concord and George Garvin and family from Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Brown spent Christmas at George Richardson's.

There were new officers chosen in the Sunday school last Sunday. G. A. Nelson resigned as superintendent and J. R. Galbraith takes his place. Mrs. L. E. Gillilan was chosen assistant superintendent and Anna Bailey secretary and treasurer.

Ross Farnsworth came home from Westminster to spend Christmas.

A large number enjoyed the Christmas exercises by the children and young people which were excellent. The trees were well loaded with presents for old and young.

Remember the box supper and promise made by the Village Improvement society next Thursday evening.

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HARDWICK.

Michael Phelps, a stone-cutter, was crushed and instantly killed yesterday by a dog slipping off a stone and crushing him between two stones. The stone weighed about 15 tons. The doctor was called but he was extinct when he arrived. The deceased is a well known, popular young man and the community is saddened by his sudden death. Mr. Phelps is survived by a wife, who has the sympathy of all.

DANVILLE.

George Sholes of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days at Stephen D. Mose's.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, about 30 friends of Fred and Eddie Badger called on them at the home of their father, A. R. Badger, and spent the evening in a pleasant social manner.

Monday evening, Dec. 22, about 40 friends of Miss Bessie Stanton called at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, and spent the evening. Popcorn

and candy were served and the evening was passed with games and amusements.

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GROTON.

Daring Robbery.

On Tuesday of last week Frank Morrison and Stephen Frost, charged with robbing John Day, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Coffrin. It seems that Day, according to his own story, had bought a quantity of whiskey of Morrison and Frost and had been encouraged by them to drink an amount which afterwards proved to be altogether too much for his best interests. Day was then taken out of the village by his supposed boon companions and led some distance down the railroad where the three were discovered by Mr. Coffrin who had been over to "Little Italy" on official business. Mr. Coffrin upon inquiring the reason of Day's being with them in such a condition, was informed by Morrison and Frost that he was only a friend that had been drinking and that they had taken him down there to cool him off. After Mr. Coffrin had driven away, our heroes led their victim back to the village and from there drove to the farm of Frank Corruith, where, behind the barn, as Day alleges, they threw a horse blanket over his head and after beating him brutally relieved him of forty-five dollars, and then drove hastily away leaving him bruised and chilled on the snow, but sufficiently recovered from his drunkenness to realize all that had happened.

With no small difficulty Day made his way to the village where he was lodged in the lock up, and fined for intoxication. He then entered a complaint against Morrison and Frost, claiming among other things that they had stolen his grip. Mr. Coffrin after inquiring of Morrison in regard to the grip, found the article behind Corruith's barn, and saw in the snow evidences of a lively struggle. Morrison afterwards delivered up thirty dollars that he had taken; but Day claims that he had forty-five dollars before this experience and his story is corroborated by others who had seen him count his money at his boarding place the night before.

Bail for Morrison and Frost was fixed at five hundred dollars each for their appearance before the county court at its next term.

Home Wedding.

It was a quiet home wedding that occurred at the Baptist parsonage, Dec. 22, when the pastor's daughter, Miss Eva A. Clough, was united in marriage to Guy Edwin Speare of Randolph, the bride's father performing the ceremony. Only about four months ago this family circle was broken by the sudden death of Mrs. Clough, consequently the wedding passed off with very little gaiety, only the family being present. Mr. Speare, who was the popular and successful principal of the high school for about two years, now has a good position at West Lebanon, N. H. The bride is a talented young lady, a graduate of Vermont Academy and a teacher of several years' experience, who will, no doubt, render valuable assistance to Mr. Speare in his chosen profession.

The couple were the recipients of many valuable presents, and have the best wishes of a host of friends, here and elsewhere.

Death of Mrs. Ricker.

Mrs. Lydia Tinsley Ricker, who for the past year has been in failing health, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Moses Whitehill, Thursday, at the age of 91 years. She was born in this town November 14, 1812, and lived on the farm on which she was born until within the past 12 years. She was married to Orson Ricker, December 6, 1829, and they lived together 58 years, his death occurring December 10, 1887, at the age of 81 years. Their golden wedding was celebrated in 1879. Thirteen children were born to them, 10 sons and three daughters, 8 of whom are living: Mrs. Elizabeth Melville of Money Creek, Minn.; William Ricker of Woodsville; Isaac and Benjamin R. of Groton; Nathan R. of Ryegate; Mrs. M. H. Whitehill of Groton; Harvey Ricker of Minneapolis; Charles Ricker of Groton. Mrs. Ricker was a remarkably well preserved lady, retaining a clear charge of her own business affairs up to the time of her death; doing considerable fancy work with very rare use of glasses, and retaining all her faculties during her lifetime. She was the last surviving charter member of the Methodist church of this town, and her funeral was conducted at the church Sunday by Rev. G. W. Clough, who spoke from a text selected by Mrs. Ricker: the first verse of the 23d Psalm. Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Mrs. E. E. Darling, Miss Ida Clough, Rev. G. W. Clough and H. J. Kemp. All of the children were present at the funeral but two, who are in the west; also four great grandchildren; and she leaves 25 grand children and 11 great grand children. Mrs. Ricker was a lady esteemed by everyone, as her life was devoted to the good of those about her, and the untiring care she ever had for her children was returned by them in her old age. The family, the church and the community, have lost a mother